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TO : Chief, SE

DATE: 1954

Attn: C
FROM : C

SUBJECT: GENERAL— OBHUNT

SPECIFIC— ○ Status Report on Agent Standbys
15 October - 14 November 1954 *RSO*

REF: SGAA 12232, 20 October 1954

Headquarters' Action Required:

None; for information and files.

Synopsis:

- a. AIRBLOWN medical treatment.
- b. SATURDAY training and disposal.

Account of Developments:

1. There are nine OBHUNT agent standbys.

2. C and C drove to Khalkis on 5 November after receiving a call from AIRWAX. AIRBLOWN was found to have a seriously infected foot and would require surgery and hospitalization. Facilities being what they are in Khalkis, and for security considerations, C decided to return AIRBLOWN to Athens and house him at the "Dig." Surgery and treatments were performed by C and AIRBLOWN returned to Khalkis on 12 November.

3. While at Khalkis, C gave the monthly living allowance to the group and picked up receipts for clothing purchases made by the three men. They were also advised of the plan to locate jobs for them to alleviate the security dangers of their present mode of existence and to maintain a better level of morale. They greeted this with enthusiasm. Attempts are also being made to enroll the group in a manual arts school in Piraeus sponsored by U.S.E.P.

4. AIRWISE and AIRBORNE were called to Athens and established at the "Annapolis" safehouse on 16 October. After receiving his clearance, AICCOOL was also moved from Rafina to "Annapolis" on 23 October. The three men were advised of the SATURDAY plan and after long discussion agreement on details was reached by all.

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5. Training was commenced by [] and [] and was to include the following:

Initial Contacts
Security
Escape and Evasion Techniques
Weapons
First Aid
Border Crossing
Defense Measures

Due to the short time the team actually underwent training, [] could not assemble an evaluation report, although he was impressed by AICOOL's intelligence, questions and ability to grasp instruction.

6. Upon receiving Headquarters' cancellation of the SATURDAY operation, [] and [] went to advise the team of the cancellation. At this meeting, previous security slips on the part of the three men were cited. This was received with ill grace by AIRWISE. In the interim between this meeting and the disbandment of the team, AIRWISE had to be treated by [] for a thorn in his leg received while indulging in horseplay.

7. AIRWISE and AIRBORNE were sent back to Menidi and AICOOL returned to Rafina on 3 November. Attempts are now being made to find a job for AICOOL and also to relocate him. [] and [] have been to Rafina and delivered mail to AICOOL.

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8. RNORDAIN and AIRSLACK have been making regular contacts. On 30 October, accompanied by [], [] met with RNORDAIN to pay him his and AIRSLACK's salary for November. He was advised by [] that he and AIRSLACK could expect to be moved out of Athens sometime in the future to insure the security of future operations.

9. At a meeting with [] on 13 November, RNORDAIN requested clothing for himself and AIRSLACK. This clothing will be issued at the next contact on 19 November.

10. In an attempt to remedy the problems that always arise when trying to maintain the morale of agent standbys during the off season period, efforts are being made to locate jobs and/or provide training for these men. The major obstacles have proven to be the lack of experience in anything except farming on the part of most of the men and local restrictions against refugees doing most jobs. Manual arts training facilities are also being explored.

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